Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : I cann't say. I said we have to calculate.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: സാധനങ്ങൾ സൌകര്യമായി വിതരണം ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കാത്ത സ്ഥിതിക്കാണ് വേണ്ടെന്നുവെച്ചാൽ ഈ പതിനായിരം ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥർ ചിലവാകുമൊ?

Rao Sahib M. M .Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : Government think it is necessary.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: റേഷനിങ്ങ് തുടങ്ങുന്നതിനു മുമ്പല്ലെ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സ്ഥിതി തുടങ്ങിയതു?

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member seems to me—I am not certain—that he is pressing an argument, not asking for information.

Mr. C. K. Nayar *(Nemmara)*: My intention is I want to bring home to the Government that.....

Mr. President: Order, order. The questions and answers are not the time to bring things home to the Government. They are the time for hon'ble members to obtain information.

Mr. C. K. Nayar *(Nemmara)* : By means of questions I want to bring home to the Government the unnecessary.....

Mr. President: Order, order. Questions and answers are intended to elicit information.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ല�ൈസൻസില്ലാത്ത പീടികകൾ എടുത്തു കളയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമൊ?

റാവു സാഹിബു് എം. എം. പോൾ: ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ. സി. കെ. നായർ: ഇതു താമസിക്കാതെ നിർത്തണമെന്ന ഉദ്ദേശത്തോടുകൂടിയാണു് ആദ്യം തുടങ്ങിയതു് എന്നു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് പറഞ്ഞതായി ഓർക്കുന്നുണ്ടൊ ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Pual *(Director of Food Supplies)* : I do not remember. I want notice.

LICENSED MERCHANTS—CHERUTHURUTHI VILLAGE

173. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number and names of Government licensed private merchants in the Cheruthuruthi village for the Civil supplies;

(*b*) has Government enquired if any of the said merchants has been convicted under the Defence of India Act for hoarding kerosene oil;

(*c*) if so, who is the merchant convicted;

(*d*) whether there were any other applicants from the said village requesting Government to give them licence?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* :

(*a*) There are at present two Government licensed private merchants in the Cheruthuruthi village. They are Messrs. (1) K. T. Raman Nayar and (2) P. I. Chakkunni.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Mr. P. I. Chakkunni.

(*d*) There were two other applicants from the locality. They were Messrs. (1) K. B Poker and (2) K. Venketeswara Ayyar. One Mr. Krishnankutty Nayar also applied for licence later on and even though he was selected as a retailer, he got himself relieved of the duties as he could not continue his business.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know why this convicted man was selected in preference to the other applicants?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : Enquiries were made then. It was thought that he was a respectable dealer and we were not then aware of the nature of the conviction.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)* : Has the Government become aware of the nature of the conviction just now?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes. Orders will be issued to remove him as soon as possible.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS—REASONABLE PRICE FOR PRODUCERS

174. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have not made during the Budget Session of 1117 a declaration guaranteeing that the agriculturists in the State would get a reasonable price for their products;

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